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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES SURVEY'S PURPOSE IS WELL-FOUNDED. IT WOULD SUPPLY INFORMATION IN AN AREA FOR WHICH THERE IS LITTLE EXISTING DATA IN BURMA, AND THIS INFORMATION WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL SHOULD BURMA AT SOOME FUTURE TIME INSTITUTE A BIRTH CONTROL PROGRAM.

2. HOWEVER, SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTION OF THE PROJECT REQUIRES COORDINATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH WHICH HAS ALREADY CARRIED OUT SOME PRELIMINARY STUDIES OF INFANT MORTALITY AND THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FINANCE WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR VITAL STATISTICS. AS NOTED BY THE WHO REPRESENTATIVE, COORDINATION BETWEEN GUB MINISTRIES IS NON-EXISTENT. THE DH REPRESENTATIVE, DR. KIM, BELIEVES HIS OFFICE COULD PROVIDE THE REQUIRED COORDINATION. CERTAINLY THE LOCAL WHO OFFICE HAS EXCELLENT RELATIONS, GOOD CONTACTS AND CONSIDERABLE LEVERAGE WITH THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH THAT WOULD TEND TO ASSURE THAT MINISTRY'S COOPERATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, WHO PRESENTLY LACKS THE NECESSARY INFLUENCE WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FINANCE TO ASSURE THAT
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MINISTRY'S FULL COOPERATION. DR. KIM IS AN ABLE ADMINI-STRATOR AND PERSONABLE INDIVIDUAL WHO QUITE LIKELY COULD THROUGH HIS OWN EFFORTS SECURE A SUFFICIENT DEGREE OF COOPERATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FINANCE. HENCE, COORDINATION AND SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM WOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON THE ABILITY AND PERSONALITY OF ONE PERSON, AND DR. KIM MAY NOT REMAIN IN RANGOON FOR

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THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM. HIS HEALTH IS QUESTIONABLE
AS HE RECENTLY WAS ABSENT FROM HIS POST FOR SEVERAL MONTHS
WHILE HE UNDERWENT TREATMENT FOR A HEART CONDITION IN LONDON.
THIS, THEREFORE, SEEMS A RATHER FRAGILE FOUNDATION ON WHICH
TO BASE THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM.

3. DESPITE THIS SERIOUS RESERVATION REGARDING
IMPLEMENTATION, WE BELIEVE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THE
PROGRAM COULD SUCCEED, AND IT IS SUFFICIENTLY WORTHWHILE
TO MERIT A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION.
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